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ABSTRACT

Case studies described in this book reflect conditions present in today's public schools. Situations described in these case studies are intended to introduce education students to the variety of problems existing in today's schools. The 38 case studies highlight: student cheating; teacher's observation by administrator; inclusion; contract negotiations; handling an ineffective colleague; keeping a student at grade level; a difficult teacher aide; academic eligibility; a young teacher's relationship with students; motivating nonacademic students; entertaining students at home; working with troubled students; computers in the classroom; an uprising against the principal; advising the school newspaper; a teacher spending her own money on supplies; block scheduling; whole language versus phonics; teachers criticized by parents; the educational reform movement; teachers threatened by students; music and art program reductions; teachers overburdened by paperwork; conflict over social studies curriculum; handling students with attention deficit disorder; the dilemma of student teachers; foreign language class curriculum; inservice programs; students with serious personal problems; appropriate physical education curriculum; religion in the classroom; writing a student teacher recommendation; grading in art classes; teacher with an opportunity in an affluent district; a teacher's private life; dealing with death; corporal punishment; and troubled student joining an established class. (SM)

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